New York, 23 Oct./52.

My dear Gray

Since I wrote you last, I have been rather poorly, & my Son, on a visit to the City, sent for Dr. Beales, "unbeknownst" to me, who kept me for a few days in his clutches. Afterwards, I was very summarily despatched to the cottage of my young folks, in the Country, where I remained a fortnight. During my Absence, Mrs. Gray's letter arrived, & I should have replied to it immediately on my return (a week since) but that I wished to be able to report upon the Case of "Howard", as to which

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distinguished certainly, from the copies without Suppt. as I suppose Mr. C. will know nothing about the work himself.

I thank you for forwarding my paper to Silliman – I have not yet commenced the notice of Sartwell, but will perhaps do so, next week, & will send it on to you, for the Jany. number.

I beg my kind love to Mrs. Gray, & thanks for her invitation; but, winter apart, I feel too "thin" to venture upon a visit, with the possibility of becoming troublesome to my good friends – Very truly yrs. J. C.

My respects & good wishes to the Puppy – seeing that he is a *Dog*; – but no word of civility to Blackie, in that he is a *Cat*.

I have not seen Torrey since my return, but passed an evening, last week, with Mrs. T. & the girls, who are all well.

I have several times called upon Putnam - Last evening, I found he had received it, & he opened it whilst I was at his place. It contained one or two pkgs. for other parties, & (I think, 3 for yourself, which are to be forwarded to you this day - Judging from their size & shape, I at once selected the 2 pkgs. containing the vol. of Kunth, & Suppt. Endlicher No. 4 part 2. (only!. & these I took the liberty of opening, & found them to be, as I supposed. But did you not also order for me Suppt. 5, Endlicher? Please look to your invoice, & see if it is charged to you, in which case I must beg you to say that it has not arrived - unless you find it in one of your other packages, which is hardly probable. If it has not been charged to you, perhaps I had better desire Bridges to import it for me, & save you the trouble.

Mr. Cogswell is just about embarking for Europe to make further purchases for the Astor library, & I think of asking him to get me a copy of Schk's Carices - will you please send me the exact title of the work, & the date of the Edition with the Suppt. - or any other particular by which it may be